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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Preliminary to the examination thereof, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 3, lines 1 and 2, delete "either claim 1 or 2", and insert therefor --claim 1--.

Claim 4, lines 1 and 2, delete "any one of the preceding claims", and insert therefor  
--claim 1--.

Claim 5, lines 1 and 2, delete "either claim 3 or claim 4", and insert therefor --claim 3--.

Claim 6, lines 1 and 2, delete "any one of the preceding claims", and insert therefor  
--claim 1--.

Claim 8, lines 1 and 2, delete "any one of the preceding claims", and insert therefor  
--claim 1--.

Claim 10, lines 1 and 2, delete "either claim 6 or 7", and insert therefor --claim 6--.

Claim 13, lines 1 and 2, delete "any one of the preceding claims", and insert therefor  
--claim 1--.

Claim 14, lines 1 and 2, delete "any one of the preceding claims", and insert therefor  
--claim 1--.

Claim 15, lines 1 and 2, delete "any one of the preceding claims", and insert therefor  
--claim 1--.

Claim 16, lines 1 and 2, delete "any one of the preceding claims", and insert therefor  
--claim 1--.

Claim 19, lines 1 and 2, delete "either claim 17 or 18", and insert therefor --claim 17--.

Claim 20, lines 1 and 2, delete "any one of claims 17 to 19", and insert therefor --claim  
17--.

Claim 22, lines 1 and 2, delete "either claim 20 or 21", and insert therefor --claim 20--.

Claim 23, lines 1 and 2, delete "any one of claims 17 to 22", and insert therefor --claim 17--.

Claim 24, lines 1 and 2, delete "any one of claims 17 to 23", and insert therefor --claim 17--.

Claim 26, lines 1 and 2, delete "either claim 24 or 25", and insert therefor --claim 24--.

Claim 29, lines 1 and 2, delete "any one of claims 17 to 28", and insert therefor --claim 17--.

Claim 34, lines 1 and 2, delete "any one of claim 31 to 33", and insert therefor --claim 31--.

Claim 36, lines 1 and 2, delete "any one of claims 31 to 35", and insert therefor --claim 31--.

Claim 38, lines 1 and 2, delete "any one of claims 31 to 37", and insert therefor --claim 31--.

Claim 41, line 1, delete "any one of claims 1 to 16", and insert therefor --claim 1--.

Claim 42, line 1, delete "any one of claims 17 to 30", and insert therefor --claim 17--.

Claim 43, line 1, delete "any one of claims 31 to 40", and insert therefor --claim 31--.

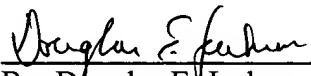
#### REMARKS

The above amendments are being made in order to place the application in better condition for examination and to reduce the filing fee.

Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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